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Re: Application No. 10/004,021  
Filing Date 11/02/2001  
First Name Inventor – Lawrence J. Tarantino  
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Dear Ms. Vo:

Please find enclosed our response to your communication in Paper No. 2, as well as the Patent Application Fee Determination Record.

We call your attention once again to the errors that appear inadvertently in the pages following the first page of your answer Number 2 in which the application number and applicants were misstated.

In our response to that paper you will find that we also enclose references to outside sources mentioning our invention. We trust that you will be able to give consideration to these references.

Sincerely,

*Lawrence  
Tarantino*

Lawrence J Tarantino, AIA

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In Re Application of:</b>	}
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<b>Lawrence J. Tarantino, AIA,</b>	
<b>Sharon A. Tarantino</b>	<b>} Art Unit: 1771</b>
<b>Application No.: 10/004,021</b>	<b>} Examiner: VO, HAI</b>
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<b>For: "E.V.A. FURNITURE" }</b>	

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**Reply to Office Action Dated 01/29/2003\***

**Claim Rejections 35 USC 112**

Claims 1-4 are abandoned and new Claims 5,6,7 and 8 are added to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention, namely by appropriately using the terminology of the invention stated in the specification.

**Claim Rejections-35 USC 102**

Hurley does not teach the use of the preferred use of this application in the core material and therefore does not anticipate this invention.

**Claim Rejections 35 USC 103**

Raffensperger does not state a density for his foam pad and Weight teaches a density of E.V.A. of 17-40<sup>lb</sup> per square foot which is equivalent approximately 273-642 kg/cubic meter, which is well outside the range of our preferred density of 40 kg/cubic meter. Therefore, the combination of Raffensperger and Weight would not lead one "skilled in the art" to this invention.

**Publication and Commercial Success**

Please consider our good fortune to have been recognized in print as one of the best inventions of the year 2002 as evidenced by the Times article copy enclosed. We also enclose copies of articles from "BestStuff.Com"- "Best of BestStuff Awards", "Metropolis Magazine" of the "Washington Post" and an article from "Lifestylebeat.com".

We are successfully producing our invention for sale, thus illustrating that the invention has not been anticipated by a prior invention, nor put together by anyone of "ordinary skill in the art" from any combination of inventions or publications.